

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street

Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

December 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Colusa Unified School District Conference Room by Board President Terry Bressler, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Kelli Griffith-Garcia, Lincoln Forry, Don Bransford and Terry Bressler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, School Administrators Jody Johnston, Dave Tarr and Darren Brown; and Business Manager Sheryl Bailey; students and staff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Terry Bressler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

Mr. Phenicie, EMS/CHS music teacher, informed the Board that Thomas Critchfield has been chosen to perform in the All Northern California Honor Band the weekend of January 17 through January 19, 2014 at the San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. His parents will be going with him to chaperone.

Mr. Phenicie also reported that Thomas Critchfield had been accepted to play at Carnegie Hall in New York City again this year.

STUDENT'S REPORT

Taylor Davies reported on upcoming activities at Colusa High School, which included the Snowball, ASB/CRAF retro sale to be held at the boys basketball tournament, and Winterfest that is being held on Thursday, December 19 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:08 pm to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Negotiations
 - a. Consider and Approve 6% Salary Increase for CEA
 - b. Consider and Approve 6% Salary Increase for CSEA
 - c. Consider and Approve 6% Salary Increase for Unrepresented Employees
 - d. Consider and Approve 6% Salary Increase for Superintendent

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 6:20 pm. Board President Bressler announced the Board took action to approve a 6% salary increase for all four groups retroactive to July, 2013.

ACTION ITEM #131429

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve a 6% salary increase for all four employee groups, retroactive to July 1, 2013.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 1 (Bressler)

RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

This month the following were honored for making the district better in some way: Jody Johnston presented a certificate to Mark Abbey for all of his time and efforts in organizing the Veteran's Day celebration he presents each year to Egling's 5th grade classes. Ms. Johnston also honored veteran Walter D. Hansford for his annual contributions to this celebration. Unfortunately, Mr. Hansford recently passed away

and Mr. Abbay said he presented the certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Hansford in her husband's honor.

Mr. Brown told the Board about this year's Winterfest celebration that will be held on Dec. 19 at Colusa High School. He encouraged everyone to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board selected January 9, 2014 at 8 a.m. for Burchfield Primary School's visitation date.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

Charles Yerxa requested that testing measurement, scoring standards and developing clear standards to operate off of be put on next month's agenda as a discussion item.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Progress on Planning for Common Core Implementation: Mr. Newman stated that this year we need to build our budget plan off our improvement plan and wanted to let the Board know how that was going to happen. He explained his plan for building next year's budget, along with subsequent year's budgets.

- Budget – Update on State revenues and possible effects on CUSD budget: Mr. Newman presented a handout on the Budget and Local Control Accountability Planning Timeline. In December & January the leadership team will begin assessment of budget expenditures for 2013-14 and prior years. They will also compile a list of expected future needs for 3-5 years. Brainstorming and improvement ideas will be conducted with all staff/Board/Community. In January & February assessment of ideas, estimating costs, staff/board/community input continues. In March Leadership will begin building LCAP and 14/15 Budget and in April & May they will refine LCAP and budget. In June the Board will approve LCAP and approve the Budget.

Mr. Newman explained the Zero Based Budgeting process.

Mr. Newman stated there will be no changes on the mid-year budget and things continue to look positive for LCFF.

- SELPA Plan revision update: Mr. Newman reported that a revision to the SELPA Plan seems impossible given the relationship between the district and the County Office of Ed. He stated it was very likely that the County will pull out of the administrative unit of the SELPA at the beginning of the 15-16 school year. He stated the other 3 Superintendents in the county are aware of this. They will not be attending any more revision meetings and will start looking for a plan to replace the current SELPA plan.

- Community Day School Update: Mr. Newman stated the person in charge of Community Schools at CDE came to talk with the County Superintendents regarding Community Day Schools. After hearing what the CDE representative had to say, the Superintendents thought districts would be able to cut costs if one of the districts operated the Community School instead of the County. Maxwell took that idea to their Board and they said they didn't want troubled kids located in their district. Mr. Newman asked the Board if they would think about the idea and in January have this topic back on the agenda as a discussion/action item to consider having the Community School located on CUSD property. A discussion was held regarding possible locations for the school in Colusa.

- Enrollment – It was reported we were up 3 students district wide.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Darren Brown noted the bulletin board was done by Brenda Juarez from Lucille Imhoff's Home School class. Mr. Brown spoke briefly about the home school program saying it was his first year as home school principal. He stated there were 8 great

home school teachers and half were in the audience. There are two full time teachers, Mrs. James and Mrs. Imhoff and 6 adjunct classroom teachers who have taken on more responsibility of being home school teachers, Mrs. Weiglein, Mrs. Cremo, Mrs. Huff, Ms Giuliano, Mrs. Aplanalp and Mr. Richards. Mr. Brown explained the current program and gave accolades to all teachers for their hard work. He stated we have a great program to offer students and have high enrollment because of it.

CEA REPORT

Pam Giuliano sincerely thanked the Board for the action taken prior to tonight's open session, which was a 6% raise for all employees. She said the conversations that have taken place are very important for all concerned to get to the places they need to go to.

CSEA REPORT

None

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION:
AUDIT REPORT

Sheryl Bailey introduced David Becker from James Marta and Company, LLP who presented the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2013. After his explanation of the audit, Mr. Becker stated it was important to note there were no audit adjustments made and that this was a very good report. He noted that Sheryl Bailey did a very good job.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION:
CONTRACTS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED
SINCE NOVEMBER, 2013 BOARD
MEETING

Mr. Newman stated the MOU between CNAP (Center for Nutrition and Activity Promotion) and CUSD for the Term: October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016 had been signed.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD
ACTION ITEM #131430

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Don Bransford to nominate Charles Yerxa as President of the Board.

Vote: Unanimous

At this time Terry Bressler stepped down and Charles Yerxa took over as Board President.

ACTION ITEM #131431

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to nominate Don Bransford as Clerk of the Board.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131432

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to nominate Dwayne Newman as Secretary to the Board.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131433

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to keep the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. as the day and time for Board meetings in 2014. Mr. Newman called the Board's attention to the fact that if we are going to go for a bond measure at the next election we would need to have more frequent Board meetings.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131434 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to accept and approve the audit report for year ending June 30, 2013.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131435 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to accept the First Reading of AR 0420.4 Charter School Authorization.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131436 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to accept the First Reading of BP/E 0420.41 Charter School Oversight.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131437 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to accept the First Reading of BP/AR 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131438 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Don Bransford to accept the First Reading of BP 0500 Accountability.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131439 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Don Bransford to accept the First Reading of BP/AR 3100 Budget.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131440 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Terry Bressler to accept the First Reading of BP 3110 Transfer of Funds.

Vote: Unanimous

EMERGENCY ACTION ITEM ADDED
TO AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #131441

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to add an emergency action item to the agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131442 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve Thomas Critchfield's trip to Stockton to play in the All Northern California Honor Band the weekend of January 17 through January 19, 2014 at the San Joaquin Delta College. Mr. Phenicie will not be able to attend so Thomas will be chaperoned by his mother that weekend.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #131443

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of November 19, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- b. December Payroll
- c. December Warrants: Batch #20-22
- d. December Financial Statements
- e. Personnel Assignment Order #2013/14.05
- f. Approve AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreements

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS
ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Bobbi Weiglein acknowledged and thanked Roberta James for all her help, and willingness to help, the home school adjunct teachers this year.
At this time Charles Yerxa presented a certificate of appreciation to Terry Bressler for his year as President of the Board.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:33 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

- 1. Student Matters:
 - a. Out of School Suspensions
 - b. Inter-district Transfer Agreements
- 2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2013-2014
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. Public Employee – Resignations
- 3. Negotiations:

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:50 P.M. Board President Charles Yerxa reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspension Report, and the Inter-district Transfer Request.

ACTION ITEM # 131444

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreement requests.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

